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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND JOINT NATIONAL
POLITICAL COUNCIL (JNPC)

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1. QUESTION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
AND JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (JNPC) WAS HIGH-
LIGHTED TODAY BY XAT LAO NEWSPAPER REPORT WHICH
QUOTES "RELIABLE SOURCE" AS SAYING THAT ASSEMBLY
WILL OPEN MAY 11 AS SCHEDULED, WITH ATTENDANCE OF
MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE FROM VIENTIANE
SIDE. ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT ASSEMBLY WILL
RETAIN ALL OF ITS LEGISLATIVE POWERS; THAT PRIME
MINISTER HAS MADE KNOWN HIS INTENTION TO PRESENT
HIS POLITICAL REPORT TO ASSEMBLY; AND THAT BUDGET
PROPOSALS FOR 1974-75 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE
ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL AS IN PAST YEARS. ACCORDING
TO REPORT, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE
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WILL MEET TOMORROW TO SEND, WITH GOVERNMENT APPROVAL,
A LETTER TO KING REQUESTING HIM TO PRESIDE AT OPENING

SESSION.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, JNPC IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE APRIL 25, AND WE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT KING WOULD ATTEND OPENING SESSION. TODAY, WE RECEIVED ANOTHER "VERY URGENT" DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY CORRECTING YESTERDAY'S NOTIFICATION BY INFORMING CHIEFS OF MISSION THAT SESSION WOULD BE ATTENDED BY SOUVANNA, SOUPHANOU-VONG AND KING'S COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRINCE KHAMMAO, BUT NOT BY HIS MAJESTY.

3. MANUEVERING FORECAST REFTEL ON RELATIONSHIP OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND JNPC HAS GOTTEN UNDERWAY. IN THIS CONTEXT, KING'S PRESENCE AT OPENING CEREMONY OF JNPC WOULD HAVE CONFERRED IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE IN PRESTIGE.
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